ANOTHER DIAMOND ROMANCE.

The Svenine World punctured some days go the pretentious fabric of romance and mystery which a portrait artist of this city had reared about the alleged robbery of a diamoud mediace. The beautiful fiction offervesced and rapished, as did the diamonds.

As a well-known New Yorker was helping a dy out of her carriage at an uptown theatre last night, a magnificent pendant of diamonds and fell into that universal municipal reposi-

tory, the gutter.

The gentleman and lady passed on through the lights and splendors of the lobby, to take their places in the brilliant audience. The car-riage drove off. Neither owner nor servant had noticed the flash and fall of the lost gems.

Not so a newsboy, whose eyes were as sharp as his appetite, and whose necessities kept him out selling newspapers when most children of his years are at home. He picked up the pendant, used its value at a glance, and-what ben ? Did he pocket it and alink off to realize a small

fortune? Not he. He ran into the theatre after the ledy and gentleman and gave them their property. To-day he is to call on them. There is hereic stuff and, better still, the making of a nest, industrious citizen in such a boy

MUNDANE MATTERS.

The President refuses to kiss babies. There to no longer an excuse for taking to the White House the babes-in-arms, which have so long vociferously assisted at making official one a howling success.

A New York editor bought a vase for \$1,000 centerday. It was not a peach-blow vase either. restorday. It was not a peach-blow vase either, though if the Metropolitan Museum could get hold of it, it would be shut from public gaze one day in the week as seculously as if it had come all the way from Peachblowville.

Can it be that the unanimity with which the pelice report New York to be at present a very model among cities for virtue, morality and quiet is a striking illustration of the words of

the bard?

Vice is a moneter of such hideous mien

That to be hated needs but to be seen;

But, seen too oft, familiar with her face,

We first endure, then pity, then embrace

Recorder Smyth sentenced a burglar to ten years ye terday, and added the official opinion that the fellow is a "hebetudinous" criminal. stitutional proviso against cruel and unusual punishments.

NEXT WEEK'S DISCUSSION.

"Can Bnakes Live in Ireland?" will be the topic of next week's discussion in The Evenino World. It will be very opportune, as N. Patrick's Day is at hand, Judging from the letters already received, this will be one of the interesting discussions held in these

Well-Heeled for Cats.

The Emperor of China has just had 260 pairs of boots made for him. The Emperor is "wellheeled" now, if he never was before, and musically inclined cats will want to hold their yidnight concerts in some place other than his lassing back-yard.

MORRLL'S TERTHING CORDIAL souther the irritation of the guns. Try it. Price 25 cents.

THE CONTEST CLOSED.

But the Mountain of Conundrums on Hand Delays the Decision.

Judge Carleton Will Endeavor to Report on Monday.

TO CONUNDRUM COMPETITORS.

There was a great rush of conundrums to this office yesterday. Several thousand are awaiting In fairness to all competitors, Judge Carteton annot make his decision to-day. It will probably q announced on Monday.

Here are a few of the conundrums received on The Emerald Isle. When is a Home Rule speech like water?

When it is all about Ireland. N. S., 122 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street. Successful Joseph.

Why was Mr. Joseph Chamberlain more fortunate in proposing parriage than men who have proposed and been rejected? Why, because he proposed and he caught (Endicott) her. Joss J. Convolty. 256 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn.

Hard on Auntie. Why is a policeman, who is about to take our mother's sister to jail, like a man going to an eating saloon?

to an eating saloon?

Because he is going to arrest our aunt (a restaurant).

Annie R. Amie.

196 West Hanover street, Trenton, N. J. Of Latin Extraction. Why is a spade naturally augry when taken

out of a hot-house? out of a hot-house ;

Because it knows it is '' infra dig."

J. C. G.

And Indicates Prought. Why should the free-luuch fiend be called

weather glass? Because he is a bar-room-eater (barometer) W. D. H., 80 Sands street, Brooklyn.

A Light Resemblance. What resembles a star the most? A sky-light. E. L. W.

A Cabinet Parr. Which card in the deck represents a Cabi net member? Tray, see? An Thear, 22, Brooklyn.

Both Go With Bands. Why is a gypsy like a cornet? Because they are always found in bands. Emma I. BRADT.

Widows and Anthors. What two modern authors' combine names will describe the state of a woman who had just buried her husband? Ouida-Hood, Joseph A. O'MULLANE,

But Grown People Go. What theatre is expressly for children? A. CUNNINGHAM. Miners.

Vet Are Seldom Sold. Which part of a vessel is always purchas

The masts, as they are for sail (for sale).

And Both Get Them. Why are ladies house hunting like bunce steerers?

Because they are looking for flats.

OLD PUL.

Rock-n-By Baby. Why is a recent and quite prominent public

Riker's Compound Sarsaparilla is com Riker's Compound Sarsanarilla is acomposed of Sarsanarilla Dandhion, Yellow Pluck, Bardook, Chanornile Gentian, Rhubarh, Mandraka, Irundook, Chanornile Gentian, Rhubarh, Mandraka, Irundook, Chanornile Gentian, Rhubarh, Mandraka, Irundook, Chanornile Gential Gent

event like the first wail of a newly born infant?

It is the Inauguration Ball (bawl).

K. R. R.

Per Footballers. Why is a 50-cent piece, once lost but re covered, like the member of a football team?
It is a baif-back, K. R. R.

Card-Players Are Perfect. Is a perfect man imposs ble to find? No. because in cards every one has met the

Long But Good. Why is Spiritualism like "Uncle Tom

Cabin?"
Spiritualism was originally done by Margaret Fox's toe, and ''Uncle Tom's Cabin' was done by Harriet Beecher Stowe.
T. J. Cunningham.
139 Sackett street, Brooklyn.

Mapounceons. What kind of soap would make a good C. FOOTE, Nassau Bank.

FIRE DROVE THEM FROM BED.

Early Morning Scare in a Tenement Pleasant Avenue.

Progressive.

The value of printers' ink judiciously employed cannot be overestimated; it is the medium whereby a meritorious discovery is raised from local fame to a position in the public exteem. Hence the columns of the newspapers are daily used by hosts of adverticers, and in the competition which is indulged in to attain the desired cud, the reader is oftentimes amused.

The greatest of American advertisers, and it may as Alarms rang out at 12.30 this morning for fire which had broken out in the new five story tenement, 278 Pleasant avenue, corner of East One Hundred and Fifteenth street.

The fire was on the fourth floor, where John O'Keele lives with his wife and family, and six families slept on the other floors.

The just awakened and frightened people vacated their rooms in a harry, and sought tem-O'Keefe's flat was hadly burned out, but the firemen prevented the fames from spreading much. The loss was about \$1,500.

An Art Commissioner Sails. Bush C. Hawkins, who will have charge of the American art exhibit at the coming International Exposition, at Paris, sailed this morning on the steamship La Bourgogne. The pictures will be sent next week and the other Commissioners will sail in April.

COSTS

The Manufacturer More, the Jobber More, the Retailer More, But

Consumer

Than Any Other Sarsaparilla---Facts Easily Proven---Read Them.

On the question of real economy Hood's Sarsaparilla | That the people appreciate the truths stated in the is so far abend of other proparations as to place them entirely out of the race as competitors. Here are absolute' Hood's Sarsaparilla has The Largest Sale of any facts in regard to this popular medicine, easily suscepti-

1. Hood's Saraaparilla Costs the Manufacturer More than any other competing preparation, because it is more highly concentrated and contains

2. It Costs the Jobber More, as a consequence of the fact but water 3. It Conts the Retail Bruggist More, for the best Ask for Hood's Barsaparilla, and insist the same reason — as can easily be learned by upon having it. Do not let any argument or inquiry. Hence the desirs of some retailers to persuasion influence you to buy what you do not

sarsaparills or blood purifier in this country. If you doubt this, ask any houset jobber or retail druggist. Heod's Narsaparilla is to-day on the full tide of popularity, and has reached that pre-emisence by its own in-

A Point for You.

When you buy your Spring medicine you

Hood's Sarsaparilla

4. It Costs the Consumer LESS than any other medicine, because of its greater concentrated strength, and the quantity in each bottle, and because

t is the only preparation of which can truly be said: On this platform Hood's Sarsaparilla stands absolutely beyond the approach of competitors. They copy our methods of advertising, they use our language, they steal our bradines, but they do not, They Cannot, copy or reproduce our preparation, Hood's Saraapa-

last our competitors a whole year. We commend it to their careful perceal, digestion and use. "For five years I was sick every apring, but last year began in February to take Hood's Barwapartita. I used five bottless and have not seen a sick day since." G. W.

which cout them less and | want. Be sure to get the ideal spring medicine... Hood's

"For a first-class spring medicine my wife and I think very highly of Hood's Narasparilla. We both took it last spring. It did us a great deal of good, and we felt het-ter through the hot weather than ever before. It cure-iny wife of sick headache, from which she has suffered a

blood before the hot weather comes on, and we shall take Hood's Sarwaparilla this spring." J. H. PEARCE.

Supt. Granite Hy. Co., Concord, N. H.

'My little buy, for whom I procured Hood's Sarsapa-rilla, was so hadly afflicted with serofula that the whole top of his head was one complete mass of matter. I

doctored with him two years and found no relief, and

then I heard of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I gave him

I then got one bottle more and that cured him com-

pletely. I would not be without Hood's Sarsanari'll

First, Because It Costs too much Money to do great deal, and relieved me of a dizzy, tired feeling. 100 Doses One Dollar

With few exceptions everything entering into the manufacture of Hood's Sarsaparilla and its advertising is produced on our own promises, without intermediate profit. Hence, we can and do produce the hestarticle of its kind-and which in positive medicinal value it is simply

Second, The Combination, Proportion, and Process in preparing Hood's Sareapartila are peculiar to itself, and competitors cannot flud the secret by which this medicine secures its real merit, and in consequence of which it effects remarkable cares where other

Be Sure to Cet Hood's

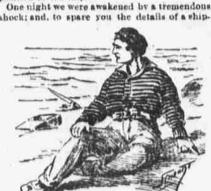
in each case the result was a duel, which has found friend, and with some reluctance he commenced his story:

During the last campaign, in February 1865, I was sent by General Lee with despatches for Kirby Smith, then commanding beyond the Mississippi. I was unable to return before the

surrender, and, for reasons into which I need not enter. I believed myself to be marked out by the Federal Government for vengcance. However, I thought it necessary to escapbefore the final surrender of our forces beyond the Mississippi. I made my way to Mexico, and, like one or two Southern officers of greater disthation than myself, entered the service of the

Emperor Maximilian. After his fall, I should certainly have been shot had I been caught by the Juarists in pur suit of me. I gained the Pacific coast and go on board so English vessel, whose captainloading for Sau Francisco-generously weighed auchor and sailed with but half a cargo to give me a chance of safety. He transferred me a few days afterwards to a Dutch vessel bound for Brisbane, for at that time I thought of settling in Queensland. The crew was weak-handed. and consisted chiefly of Lascars. Malays and two or three European desperadoes of all languages and of no country. Her master was barely competent to the ordinary duties of his command; and it was no surprise to me when the first storm that we encountered lrove us completely out of our course, nor was I much astonished that the captain was for some days, partly from fright and partly from drink, incapable of using his sextant to ascertain the

osition of the ship.



friend, one of several former officers of the Con-federacy, whose friendship is the one permanent wreck, which have nothing to do with my story, and valuable result of my American tour. I we found ourselves when day broke fast on a mentioned the Colonel's name, and my friend, coral reef, about a mile from an island of no the head of the family, having served with him great size, and out of sight of all other land. The sextant having been broken to pieces, I had no means of ascertaining the position of this island, nor do I now know anything of it except with bitter regret and pain of the duels in which | that it lay, in the month of August, within the region of the southeast trade-winds. We pulled on shore, but, after exploring the island.

THE REST OF CAPT. ERICSSON. Readers of the newspapers of the day cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that the modern advertiser is

SHREWD ADVERTISERS.

hitherto been regarded and treated by the profession as distinctive diseases, are not so in fact, but are the at-

tending symptoms of disease of the hidneys; therefore, the consumptive, the apoplectic, the paralytic and the sufferer from zerrous disorders can be restored to health by Warner's Safe Cure, which will remove the true cause

WORLDLINGS.

seventeen of the number were laid low with a

single shot, for the Colonel is an expert at the

Ira D. Sankey, the famons singing evangelist

as bright and as active as of yore, and has

changed but little in personal appearance. He

will soon be associated with Moody in a series of

A STRING TO PLUMMER'S RESIGNATION.

John F. Admits That He Hes Left It in

Abeyance for a While.

as President of the Business Men's Republicar

Association on the ground that he cannot afford

the time and attention that the office demands.

the time and attention that the office demands, but reports are circulated that he is reconsidering the matter.

A reporter from The Eventus World called on Mr. Plummer this morning and asked if he was contemplating the willdrawal of his resignation. He said:

"I have merely left the matter in absyance for a few days. The Executive Committee has my letter of resignation, which speaks for itself."

Roule Defents Cunningham

INPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. Cancago, March 9.—Joe Roulo and Jimmie Canningham fought fourteen hard rounds with

four-onnce gloves. Cunningham was badly pounded and could not stand when time was called. Ronio got the purse of \$290.

THE ROLL OF MERIT.

Owing to an exceptional pressure upon or

space this week's Roll of Merit will not be pub

Mrs. Celia Conelly will shortly publish a novel through Belford, Clark & Co., entitled "Her

Terrible Fate." It promises to be a work of exceptional interest, full of dramatic power and written in a smooth and fluished way. Mrs. Conelly is an adept in the use of her pen, and the novel will be looked for with eagerness by her many friends and admirers.

A Local Brooklyn Story,

"The Mystery of St. Mark's Avenue"
(Brooklyn) begins in to-morrow's (Sunday's)
Brooklyn Edition of "The World."

ished until Monday.

John F. Plummer has sent in his resignation

Archipelago.

takes great interest in the order.

meetings to be held in Chicago.

SAD VISITORS TO THE HOUSE WHERE THE INVENTOR'S RODY LIES.

The stately old residence of Capt. John Erics. son in Beach street is as gloomy as a sepulchre

to-day. For years before his death the old inventor. The greatest of American advertisers, and it may as well be said in the world, is H. H. Warner, of Rochesstanch in his belief that a lifetime was too ter. N Y., whose name has been made everywhere familiar in connection with Warner's Nafe Cure, widely advertised because of its merit in the prevention and short for the completion of the work due from a man to his fellow men, lived almost a nermit life, no visitors save his nearest mechanical friends being admitted to his house. His family curs of kidney disease.

By printers ink this great discovery has achieved world-wide papularity, and thousands feel grateful for the knowledge thus acquired of this greatest of modern consisted of a bousekeeper, servant girl and valet, his secretary. Mr. Taylor, living in Jersey, and his superintendent. Mr. Lassoc, in Furthermore, the public has been taught that disorders of the lungs, brain, heart and liver, which have

And now, as he lies cold in death in the chamber wherein his life passed away, there are few

callers at the door.

The body has been embalmed, and on Monday at noon, Rev. Morgan J. Dix. the Captain's old neighbor in the days when Beach street and St. John's Park formed an aristogratic centre. will perform the last rites at Trinity Church over the

by restoring the kidneys to healthy action.

The advertising methods employed by this greatest of advertisers are invariably instructive and, although the dead inventor.

The remains will be secorted to the church by a delegation from Amaranth Lodge of (thi Fellows, of which the Captain was a member, and many workmen from the Delamater Iron Works, where the inventors of their ventor were manufactured. reader may sometimes by "caught" in reading an ad vertisement which was not at first supposed to be such, there is nevertheless no time lost, kince useful informa-tion is invariably gained concerning life's great prob-

Robert Louis Stevenson, the author, recently read a poem before the Hawaiian king, while

many workmen from the Delamater Iron Works, where the inventions of their results of the inventor were manufactured.

He was an honorary member of the Chamber of Commerce, Union League Club and Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The body will be placed is a receiving vanit at Green wood, and the Swedish Government will probably send a naval vessel from the West Indies squadron to New York to convey the body of the great Swede to the land of his nativity, there to be interred.

Capt, Kriesson was not a rich man. He made a will a dozen years ago, naming Occaye II. Itohinson. Corpelius S. Bushell, William H. Wallace and Eden Sprout as executors. The will has not yet been road, and the executors are reticent as to its provisions.

It is said that the estate does not exceed \$100,000, including as the only place of real-estate the home in which Ericsson died. But the Captain had a hundred patents and the royalty rights or most of them have years to run.

He left a number of nephews and neices, but it is understood that the three sons of his brother. Baron Ericsson, will receive the greater part of the estate.

In life Capt, Ericsson was of middle beight, heavy build and very strong and sturdy.

His life was of exquisite simplicity. He arose at 7; bathed and exercised from his own receipt; posched eggs and tea with plenty of milk; work until 4; dinner of vege'sales, tea and bread; worked until 11 o'clock at night and then went to bed.

He never ate more than one onnee of meat at a surface and the captain and a surface and the captain and the went to bed. irs. Stevenson presented his sable majorty with rare golden pearl brought from the Low Ex-Gov. John C. Underwood, of Kentucky. now living in Columbus, O., is a tall, fine looking man, of full habit, with black hair and whiskers. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, and

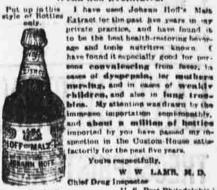
Col. Pickett, a prominent member of the Wyoming Legislature, is known throughout the West as a mighty bear hunter. He has a record of having killed twenty-seven of the varmints in one season in the Wind River Mountains.

to bed.

He never ate more than one comes of meat at a meal, and avoided tobacco, wine, beer and liquor as enemies to the system.

THE GENERAL Johann Hoff's Malt Extract

THE BEST NUTRITIVE TONIC FOR Dyspepsia, Indigention, Nursing Mothers, the Weak and Debilitated.



W W LAMB, M. D. Chief Drug Impester U.S. Port Philadelphia. The 'Genuine' is U.S. Port Philadelphis, put up in this Beware of imitations. The 'Genuityle of 'Rottles in 'Ina the signature of 'dOHANA' HOPF' and 'MORITZ KISNER' on the usek of every

Johann Hoff, Berita, Parts, Plenna. EISNER & MINNERLAON CO., Sale Agenta, G BARGLAY STREET, NEW YORK.

Notes of Labor.

The Central Labor Union and the Central

The painters employed on the new freight shed at the foot of Franklin street are on strike against long hours and low wages.

The committee appointed by the Central Labor Union to arrange for a concert in aid of the striking carpet workers will meet to-morrow afternoon at 2 o clock in Clarendon Hall.

At a meeting of the Furniture Workers' Section, last night, at 145 Eighth street, a motion to dissolve the organization was laid over, and the secretary reported that only three organizations remain, and he will therefore turn over the books to the Central Labor Union.

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The Executive Committee appointed at the Tray Convention to bring about amendments to the Conspiracy laws, has sent a sub-committee to the members of the Legislature to influence the later to vote for the amendments presented by the Central Labor Union. The Tailors Union will hold a mass meeting on the subject at Concordia Hall, in Avenue A, on Monday night next.

First Avenue Dry-Goods Blaze. Samuel Levy's dry-goods store, at 220 First avenue, was partly burned out at a loss of \$1,000 soon after midnight this morning, the fire having started from an overheated store.

NERVURA

The Greatest of All Spring Medicines.

For Weak and Shattered Nerves, Tired Brain, Poor Blood and Debilitated System.

Now is the time to tone up the system and cleanse and purify the blood. Your nerve power is run down and exhausted, your stomach, liver and bowels are out of order, and your blood has become impure. All this makes you feel weak, tired and nervous; you do not eat or sleep well, wake unrefreshed mornings, have no strength or ambition and your work three you. A sure and postive cure will be found in DR. GREENE'S NERVURA, the great nerve, brain and blood restorer. Use it by all means, and we promise you a perfect and complete cure.

For sale by all draggists. Price \$1 per battle.

If you are wise you will be sure and get Dr. Greene, the famous locturer and specialist in the Nervura. Do not allow draggies to persuade you to key anything else, for this wonderful remedy has no equal. If you use it you will never regret it.

Dr. Greene, the famous locturer and specialist in the cure of nervous and chronic diseases, can be consulted, free of charge, all so office, 35 West 14th st., New York, personally or by letter. depth of several feet formed the bed of the island, were discernible far below the actual

PROLOGUE. THE RISTERIOUS MANUSCRIPT. Once only, in the occasional travelling of

thirty years, did I lose any important article of uggage; and that loss occurred, not under the 'Well, I suppose this experience confirms you d. devil-take-the-hindmost confusion in your disbelief ?" of English or the elaborate misrule of Coninental journeys, but through the absolute perfection and democratic despotism of the American system. I had to give up a visit to the scenery of Cooper's best Indian novels—no slight sacrifice—and hasten at once to New York theless, I have in some cases witnessed marvels perfectly inexplicable by known natural laws; repair the loss. This incident brought me, and I have heard and read of others attested by on an evening near the middle of September. evidence I certainly cannot consider inferior to

1874. en board a river steamboat starting from Albany, the capital of the State, for the Em-I had no amusement but such as I could find in the conversation of my fellow-travellers. believer. With one of these, whose abstinence from per stions led me to take him for an Eng-

its warranty"—and to Montreal. After this our conversation became less re-served; and I found that I was conversing with one of the most renowned officers of irregular cavalry in the late Confederate service. Col. A- (the reader will learn why I give neither his name nor real rank) spoke with some tables turned upon themselves." bittarpess of the inquisitiveness which rende u d is impossible, he said, to trust an American with secret, and very difficult to keep one without lying. We were presently joined by Major B—, who had been employed during the war in the conduct of many critical communications. and had shown great ingenuity in devising and unravelling ciphers. On this subject a some-what protracted discussion arose. I inclined to the doctrine of Pos. that no cipher can be de-

a, I spoke of my visit to Niagara-the

ender of the world, that thoroughly "answers

ods of defeating the processes on which de-We reached New York early in the morning and esparated, having arranged to visit that afternoon a celebrated "spiritual" medium

and of whom my friend had heard and repeated to me several more or less marvellous stories Our visit, however, was unsatisfactory; and as we came away Col. A-- said:

"No," said I. "My first visits have generally been failures, and I have more than once been told that my own temperament is most nufavorable to the success of a scance. Never-

"Why "he said, "I thought from your conversation last night you were a complete dis-

"I believe, answered I, "in very little of what have seen. But that little is quite sufficient to dispose of the theory of pure imposture. On the other hand, there is nothing spiritual and nothing very human in the pranks played by or in the presence of the mediums. They remind one more of the feats of traditionary goblins; mischievous, noisy, untrustworthy; insensible o ridicule, apparently delighting to make fools of men, and perfectly indifferent to having the

"The intolerance of incredulity," returned quite as extraordinary as any of the 'spiritual' performances. I have at this moment in my possession apparently irresistible evidence of the reality of what then took place; and I am sure that there exists at a point on the earth's surface, which unluckily I cannot define, strong corroborative proof of my story. Nevertheless, vised which cannot be detected by an experi- the first persons who heard it utterly ridicaled seed hand; my friends indicated simple meth- it, and were disposed to treat me either as a madman, or at best as an audacious trespasser gentlemen of station, character and intelligence, every one of whom had known me as solwho was then giving seances in the Empire City,

silenced those who imputed to me an unworthy and purposeless fals hood, but has left a heavy burden on my conscience, and has prevented me ever since from repeating what I know to be true and believe to be of greater interest, and in some some of greater importance, than any scientific discovery of the last century. Since the last occasion on which I told it seven years have elapsed, and I never have met any one but yourself to whom I have thought it possible to disclose it.

"I assure you," he continued, "I have no such wish now to tell the story as I had at first. It is now associated with the most painful incident of my life, and I have lost altogether that natural desire for sympathy and human interest in a matter deeply interesting to myself, which, like every one else, I felt at first,



PROTRACTED DISCUSSION AROSE. and which is, I suppose, the motive that prompt us all to relate often and early any occurrence that has keenly affected us, in whatever manuer. But I think that I have no right to suppress so remarkable a fact, if by telling it I can place it effectually on record for the benefit of men sensible enough to believe that it may have occurred, especially since somewhere in the world there must yet exist proof that it did ise, but I think that I shall have made up my mind to tell you what I have to tell, and to place in your hands that portion of the evidence which is still at my command-evidence that has a sig-

nificance of its own, to which my experience is merely episodical," I spent that evening with the family of through the Virginian campaigns, expressed the highest confidence in his character, the highest opinion of his honor and verscity; but spoke on that privilege of lying which belonged to he had been engaged, especially of one which them as mariners. I told it afterwards to three had been fatal; remarking that the motive in

seconds. to seamen except cocoanuts, with which The next day I called as agreed upon my new- our crew had soon supplied themselves

largely as they wished, and fish. which were abundant and easily caught, and of which they were soon tired. The captain, therefore, when he had recovered his sobriety and his courage, had no great difficulty in in ducing them to return to the ship and endeavor either to get her off or construct from her timbers a raft which, following the course of the winds, might, it was thought, bring them into the track of vessels. This would take some time, and I meanwhile was allowed to remain (my own

twenty degrees of the horizon.

wish) on terra firma; the noise, dirt and foul smells of the yeasel being, especially in that climate, intolerable. About 10 o'clock in the morning of the 25th of August, 1867, I was lying towards the southrn end of the island, on a little hillock tolerably clear of trees, and facing a sort of glade or ave ue, covered only with brush and young trees. which allowed me to see the sky within perhaps

Suddenly, looking up, I saw what appeared at

first like a brilliant star considerably higher than the sun. It increased in size with amazing rapidity, till, in a very few seconds after its first appearance, it had a very perceptible disk. For an instant it obscured the sun. In another moment a tremendous shock tem porarily deprived me of my senses. I think that nore than an hour had elapsed before I recovered. Sitting up, somewhat confused, and looking around me. I became aware that some strange accident had occurred. In every direct tion I saw such traces of havoe as I had witnessed more than once when a Confederate force holding an imperetrable woodland had been shelled at random for some hours with the largest guns that the enemy could bring into the field. Trees were torn and broken. branches scattered in all directions, fragments of stone, earth and seral rock flung all around.

now the summit of one about a third of whose length had been broken off and lay on the ground. Presently I came upon fragments of a shining cate rellow metal, generally small, but in one or wo cases of remarkable size and shape, apparently torn from some sheet of great thickness. In one case I found imbedded between two such agged fragments a piece of remarkably hard. impenetrable cement. At last I came to a point from which, through the destruction of the trees, the sea was visible in the direction in which the ship had lain; but the ship, as in a few moments I satisfied myself, had utterly dis-

appeared. driven the sea far up upon the land; fishes lying affry yards inland, and everything dreuched in salt water. At last, guided by the signs of ever-increasing devisitation, I reached the point whence the mischief had proceeded. I can give no idea in words of what I there found. The earth had been torn open, rooted up as if by a gigantic explosion. In some places when had covered a portion of his table and showed me a metallic case beaten out of all shape, but agigantic explosion. In some places when had been a silvery color, very signable explosion. In some places when had been a silvery color, very signable explosion. The same places when had been a silvery color, very signable explosion. The same places when had been a silvery color, very signable explosion. The same places when had been a silvery color, very signable explosion. The same places when had been a silvery color, very signable explosion.

this space I found considerable masses of the same metallic substance, attached generally to pieces of the cement. After examining and puzzling myself over this strange scene for some time my next care was to seek traces of the ship and of her crew; and before long I saw just outside the coral reef what had been her bowsprit. and presently, floating on the sea, one of her masts with the sail attached. There could be little doubt that the shock had extended to her. had driven her off the reef where she had been fixed into the deep water outside, where she must have sunk immediately and had broken

surface. At others, the surface itself was

raised several feet by debris of every kind.

What I may call the crater—though it was no actual hole, but rather a cavity torn and then

or three hundred feet in circumference; and in

up by falling fragments-was two

THE COLONEL OPENED THE BOX. No traces of her crew were to be seen. They had probably been stunned at the same time Particularly I remember that a piece of metal of that they were thrown into deep water; and be-fore I came in sight of the point where she had considerable size had cut off the tops of two or bree trees, and fixed itself at last on what was perished whatever animal bodies were to be found must have been devoured by the sharks, which abounded in that neighborhood. Dis may, perplexity and horror prevented my doing anything to solve my doubts or relieve my astonishment before the sun went down; and during the night my sleep was broken by had seen, scarcely crediting my memory or my senses. In the morning I went back to the crater, and with some tools that had been left | the origin of the manuscript you intrust to my on shore contrived to dig somewhat deeply among the debrie with which it was filled. I found very little that could enlighten me except pieces of glass, of various metals, of wood, some | from what I have told you, and I have told you

earth had been torn open, rooted up as if by a sparently of what had been a silvery color, very gigantic explosion. In some places sharp-little rusted, though much solled. This he pointed fragments of the coral rock, which at a opened and I saw at once that it was of enor-

mous thickness and solidity, to which and to favoring circumstances it owed its preservation in the general ruin he described. That it had undergone some severe and violent shock there could be no question. Beside the box lay a less damaged though still seriously injured object, in which I recognized the resemblance of a book of considerable thickness, and bound in metal like that of the case. This I afterwards ascertained beyond doubt to be a metalloid alloy whercof the principal ingredient was aluminium, or some substance so closely resembling it as not to be distinguishable

from it by simple chemical tests. "This," said my friend, opening the volume, " is a manuscript which was contained in this case when I took it from among the debris of the crater. I should have told you that I found there what I believed to be fragments of human flesh and bone, but so crushed and mangied that I could form no positive conclusion. My next care was to escape from the island, which I felt sure lay far from the ordinary course of merchant vessels. A boat which had broughs me ashore had fortunately been left on the end of the island furthest from that on which the vessel had been driven, and had not been fatally

injured by the shock. 'In this vessel I embarked about a fortnight after the day of the mysterious shock.

"On the fourth morning the wind had fallen, and by noon it was a perfect calm. Towards evening a slight breeze sprang up, and by morning I came in sight of a vessel which I contrived to board. Her crew, however, and even her captain, utterly discredited such part of my

"Why need you ask me ?" he returned. "You

are as capable as myself of drawing a deduction

strange story as I told them. On that point, however, I will say no more than this: I will place this manuscript in your hands. I will give you the key to such of its ciphers as I have been able to make out. The language. I believe, for I am no scholar, is Latin of a mediaval type. I only make it a condition that you shall not publish the story during my life; that if you show the manuscript or mention the tale in confidence to any one you will strictly keep my secret. and that if after my death, of which you shall be advised, you do publish it, you will afford no clue by which the donor could be confidently identi-"I promise," said I. "Ent I should like \$3 snatches of horrible dreams and intervals of ask you one question. What do you conceive to waking, during which I marvelled over what I have been the cause of the extraordinary shock you felt and of the havor you have witnessed? What, in short, the nature of the occurrence and

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